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Letter dated 17 April 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to address you in your capacity as the President of the Security Council for April 2008, and in accordance with Article 35, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations, I would like to inform you of the following.

On 16 April Russian President V. Putin instructed the Russian Government to launch formal cooperation with de facto authorities of Abkhazia, Georgia, and the Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia.

The consequences of the above-mentioned action, which is executive in its nature, pose an open and direct threat to Georgia's statehood and sovereignty. Clearly, this is designed for the annexation of parts of Georgian territory.

Accordingly, I would like to ask you to convene a meeting of the Security Council in the nearest future in order to address the above-mentioned issue, which is, once again, an apparent threat to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of a United Nations Member State — Georgia. The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia, David Bakradze, will address the Council during its meeting.

(*Signed*) Irakli **Chikovani**
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